

National party in a sense in which it had not, before, fully deserved that name. In 1918, at a Special Summer Conference, held in London in June, the Party adopted a new Constitution, and set out its policy in new terms. For press and public, at the time, the superficial picturesque-ness of the appeal made by M Kerensky, and his kiss to Arthur Henderson, were the outstanding incidents of this conference. Its real, and very far-reaching significance, however, lay in the new organisation of the party on the definite and explicit basis of a membership open to "workers by hand and brain", coupled with the acceptance of a plan of campaign animated by a clear and large vision. No longer was it possible, with any accuracy, to say either that Labour was a 'class party,' or that its proposals were 'in the air.' These things of course, went on being said that is politics but there was no justification for them. The plan was set out in detail, in a pamphlet entitled *Labour and The New Social Order*. In his Election appeal to the graduates of London University in 1918, Professor Webb ingeniously refers to this document as one perusing it critically, from an economist's standpoint, and finding it sound, as well as appealing. With approval, he quotes the closing passage

"The Labour Party is far from assuming that it possesses a key to open all locks, or that any policy which it can formulate will solve all the problems that beset us. But we deem it important to ourselves as well as to those who may, on the one hand, wish to join the Party, or, on the other, to take up arms against

it, to make quite clear and definite our
aim and purpose The
Labour Party wants that aim and purpose,
as set forth in the
preceding pages with all its might It calls
for more warmth in
politics for much less apathetic
acquiescence in the miseries that
exist, for none of the cynicism that saps
the life of leisure On
the other hand, the Labour Party has no
belief in any of the
problems of the world being solved by
Good Will alone Good
Will without knowledge is Warmth
without Light Especially
in all the complexities of politics, in the still
undeveloped Science
of Society, the Labour Party stands for
increased study,